

**69th Legislature - 1985**  
**H.R. 7 by Evans of Tarrant**

**Synopsis of Proposed Changes  
to the House Rules**

1. Page 7           The speaker is empowered to appoint a vice-chair for the Budget and Oversight Subcommittees.
2. Page 10          An author is no longer required to approve an amended caption before it is official.
3. Page 15          The reading clerks are brought under the supervision of the sergeant-at-arms.
4. Page 24          Agriculture and Livestock Committee -
  - a) Texas Board of Irrigators is moved to Business and Commerce.
  - b) Structural Pest Control Board is added from Business and Commerce.
  - c) Texas Veterinary Medicine Diagnostic Laboratory is added.
5. Page 25          Business and Commerce Committee -
  - a) The name of the Industrial Commission is changed to the Economic Development Commission.
  - b) State Board of Barber Examiners is moved to Public Health.
  - c) State Cosmetology Commission is moved to Public Health.
  - d) Structural Pest Control Board is moved to Agriculture and Livestock.
  - e) The Texas Board of Irrigators is added from Agriculture and Livestock.
  - f) The Texas Board of Land Surveying is added from County Affairs.
6. Page 26          County Affairs -
  - a) Membership is reduced to 13.
  - b) The Texas Board of Land Surveying is moved to Business and Commerce.
7. Page 27          Criminal Jurisprudence -
  - a) The Texas Youth Commission is moved to Law Enforcement.
  - b) The Criminal Justice Policy Council is added.
  - c) The Texas Adult Probation Commission and the Juvenile Probation Commission are moved to Law Enforcement.
8. Page 28          Cultural and Historical Resources -  
The State Preservation Board is added.
9. Page 29          Energy -  
Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council is deleted.
10. Page 29         Environmental Affairs -  
The Battleship Texas Commission is deleted.
11. Page 30         Financial Institutions -  
The State Depository Board is deleted.
12. Page 30         Government Organization Committee is added

13. Page 31 Higher Education -  
The State Rural Medical Education Board is added.
14. Page 33 Human Services -  
The Health and Human Services Coordinating Council is added.
15. Page 36 Law Enforcement -  
a) Is given jurisdiction over the "commitment and rehabilitation of youth."  
b) The Adult and Juvenile Probation Commissions and the Texas Youth Commission are moved from Criminal Jurisprudence.
16. Page 39 Public Health -  
a) The State Rural Medical Education Board is moved to Higher Education.  
b) The State Board of Barber Examiners and the Texas Cosmetology Commission are moved from Business and Commerce.  
c) The Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness is added from State Affairs.  
d) The Board of Osteopathic Examiners is added.
17. Page 40 Regions, Compacts, and Districts is deleted.
18. Page 41 Committee on Science and Technology is added.
19. Page 42 State Affairs is -  
a) Reduced to 13 members.  
b) Council of State Governments, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and the Texas Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations are added from Regions, Compacts, and Districts.  
c) The Texas Building Authority is added.  
d) The Human Rights Commission is added.  
e) The Office of Public Utility Council is added.  
f) The Automated Systems Advisory Council is moved to Science and Technology.
20. Page 44 Transportation -  
The Texas Offshore Terminal Commission and the Board of Managers of the Texas State Railroad are deleted.
21. Page 45 Urban Affairs is reduced to 13 members.
22. Page 45 Ways and Means is reduced to 13 members -  
a) The name of the Board of Tax Assessor Examiners is changed to the Board of Professional Tax Examiners.  
b) The Board to Calculate the Ad Valorem Tax Rate and the Committee on State Revenue Estimates are deleted.
23. Page 48  
a) The chairman of the State Affairs Committee may serve on another substantive committee.  
b) A member may serve on more than one procedural committee.

24. Page 56 Procedure for release of recorded committee testimony is under guidelines promulgated by House Administration.
25. Page 61 Fact that a bill was forwarded to the Pension Review Board is added to the committee report form.
- Whether a bill proposes new law or amends existing law is deleted from the bill analysis.
26. Page 65 Legislative Budget Board is no longer required to review and comment on actuarial analyses.
27. Page 83 Proper decorum on floor is consolidated into one section.
28. Page 89 Procedure for release of recorded floor testimony is under guidelines of House Administration.
29. Pages 91 & 92 Division of the question requires majority vote and speaker may divide the question into closely related propositions.
30. Page 102 If Committee on Rules and Resolutions determines that a resolution is not eligible for Congratulatory and Memorial Resolutions Calendar they forward it to Calendars Committee.
31. Page 104 Clarifies that a resolution may be removed from the Local, Consent, and Resolutions Calendar.
32. Page 111 Debate on motion to divide the question is subject to 3 minutes pro and con debate.
33. Page 130 Preferred bills are deleted.
34. Page 136 Purpose section is added to rule creating Budget and Oversight Subcommittees.
- Government Organizations is defined as nonsubstantive committee for purposes of Budget and Oversight Subcommittees.
35. Page 138 Speaker appoints Budget and Oversight Subcommittees of 5 members each.
36. Page 148 Requirement that a resolution authorizing expenditure of general house fund have an itemized budget is deleted.
37. Page 166 Resolutions permitting conference committees to go outside 2 versions no longer requires record vote for adoption and is privileged on introduction.